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BLACK MARKETING OF NUTRITIONAL FOOD
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of nutritional food allotted by the Union Government under various schemes/ programmes to the States/UTs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the cases of black marketing/ irregularities in distribution/utilisation of such food in various States/UTs of the country have been reported come to the notice of the Government during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)
(a): Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, supplementary nutrition is one of the six services provided to the children (upto 6 years) and pregnant and lactating mothers. The extent of nutritional supplements being provided to different types of beneficiaries is given below:

Beneficiaries	Calories (cal)	Protein (g)
Children (6 months to 72 months)	500	12-15
Severely malnourished Children (6 months-72 months)	800	20-25
Pregnant women and lactating mothers	600	18-20

The responsibility to implement the Scheme including providing SNP to the beneficiaries lies with the States/UTs. The mode of preparation of SNP, delivery, recipe etc. are decided by the State/UT. Government of India issues the guidelines, monitors the scheme and provide financial support to States/UTs. For SNP, cost sharing ratio between Centre and States is 50:50 (90:10 for NER).
As regards allotment of food, foodgrains (Wheat/Rice/Coarse grains) are provided to States/UTs at BPL rates under Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) for preparation of supplementary nutrition under ICDS.
Apart from ICDS, Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGS- EAG)−Sabla is also administered by the Ministry in 205 districts across the country. Under this scheme, the out of school Adolescent Girls in the age group of 11-14 years and all girls in the age group of 14-18 years who attend Anganwadi Centre are provided Supplementary Nutrition containing 600 calories, 18-20 grams of protein and micronutrients per beneficiary per day for 300 days in a year. The Nutrition is provid- ed to the beneficiaries in the form of Take Home Ration (THR) or Hot Cooked Meals. Foodgrains are allocated to States/UTs at BPL rates for preparation of the supple- mentary nutrition.
State-wise allocation of foodgrains under WBNP &Sabla during the last three years and current year is at Annex-I & II respectively.

(b) & (c):The responsibility for implementation of ICDS Scheme including providing Supple- mentary Nutrition and Management thereof rests with States/UTs. During the last three years and the current year, 85 complaints regarding irregularities in Supplementary Nutrition Programme were received pertaining to various States/ UTs. Year-wise details are: 2011-12: 27 complaints received: (Andhra Pradesh-1), (Assam-1), (Bihar-1), (Delhi-1), (Jharkhand-1), (Odisha-3), (Rajasthan-4), (Uttarakhand-1), (Uttar Pradesh-13), and (Madhya Pradesh-1) 2012-13: 25 complaints received: (Assam-1), (Bihar-2), (Delhi-1), (Jharkhand-1), (Odisha-1), (Rajasthan-3), (Chhattisgarh-1), (Haryana-1), (Maharashtra-4), (Madhya Pradesh-1) and (Uttar Pradesh-9) 2013-14: 5 complaints received: (Uttar Pradesh-4) and (Manipur-1), 2014-15: 28 complaints received: (Uttarakhand-1), (Bihar-2), (Delhi-3), (Jharkhand-1), (Madhya Pradesh-4) and (Uttar Pradesh-17).

The complaints received are forwarded to the concerned States/UTs for taking appropriate action. Reports on complaints which are serious in nature are sought from State Government/UT Administration.

(d): Government has introduced 5-tier monitoring & review mechanism at National, State, District, Block and Anganwadi Levels across the country for which guidelines were issued on 31.03.2011. The functions of these committees inter-alia include monitoring and review of implementation of ICDS Scheme, regularity of functioning of AWCs including quality of supplementary nutrition and method(s) of delivery of supplementary food at Anganwadicentres. As of now, 32 States/UTs have constituted Monitoring and Review Committees at District and Block level.